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NSC BRIEF

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BANDUNG SUMMARY

- I. Most remarkable aspect of conference was effective role played by anti-Communists.
  - A. At outset, Turks and Paks squelched Nehru's proposal dispense with opening speeches.
  - B. Imposing parade of speakers forthwith denounced Communism: Jamali (Iraq) keynoted--said Communists "confront world with new form colonialism, much deadlier than the old."
  - C. Anti-Communists also dominated conference committees, repeatedly thwarted or heavily amended objectionable proposals.
  - D. Example: closing communique made no mention of Communist-neutralist "co-existence" or "five principles," instead held that "nations should practice tolerance and live together in peace" in accord with UN principles.

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E. Example: After long battle, a "neutralism," which conference sponsors expected

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to be common denominator at Bandung,  
was denounced--"in whatever form it may  
manifest itself"--language which covers  
present Communist expansion as well as  
past Western history.

F. At end, Ali (Pak) told Amb. Cumming  
Bandung was "75% victory for free  
world."

II. Neutrals were forced to take back seat.

A. Nehru, who hoped for major role,  
probably unhappiest man in Bandung--  
both his views and leadership quickly  
rejected.

B. In closing speech, he nonetheless re-  
affirmed neutralist faith  
conferees not to be "camp followers or  
either American or Russia."

1. May now sulk and become even more  
difficult to deal with.

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III. In contrast to frustrated Nehru, Li ping's  
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Chou made favorable impression.

A. Was "social lion" throughout, behaved most "correctly," repeatedly plugged Peiping's "interest" in eradicating colonialism, promoting Afro-Asian solidarity, enhancing world peace.

IV. Chou's whirlwind:

- A. Concluded treaty with Indonesia ending "dual nationality" of local Chinese within ~~two~~ <sup>TWO</sup> years and also backing Indonesia's claim to West New Guinea;
- B. Talked trade with Japanese;
- C. Supported Arabs against Israel and France;
- D. Invited such staunch anti-Communists as Romulo, Prince Wan and Mohammed Ali to visit Communist China;
- E. Attended numerous side meetings in interest of "reducing tensions."

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1. At one of these, on Formosan prob-

lem, he straight-facedly suggested

possibility of finding honorary  
post for Chiang Kai-shek in  
Peiping government.

V. Chou's climactic offer--to negotiate Formosa issue with US--was "a most impressive performance," according to pro-Western observer.

A. Offer was well-received by practically all delegates.

VI. Although sampling of Bandung "fall-out" far from complete, some conclusions possible.

A. Very few specific issues--no matter how important--on which Asians and Africans can reach complete agreement.

1. Only important point on which all readily agreed: French should quit N. Africa.

B. Despite lingering suspicions of West, surprising number of conferees are prepared to stand with West against Communists and neutralists.

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economic advancement and for protection of continued independence.

C. Nonetheless, they would rather see UN, as all-embracing body, used as instrument for settlement international problems.

1. UN references in closing communique indicate willingness to accept broader charter than Afro-Asian one.

2. On way home, Ceylon's Sir John said: "The most interesting feature of the conference was eagerness shown by everyone, including China, to uphold authority and prestige of UN."

D. Communist China gained further acceptance in international community--Chou clearly impressed even anti-Communists with "reasonableness."

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E. Chou, however, has committed  
Peiping to a position which, if  
changed, would rapidly bring a  
loss of the good will gained.

1. After conference, Sir John pointed  
out: "The sincerity of purpose of  
both sides has yet to be seen in  
action."

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